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(C) On the margins of a meeting on other issues, representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Legal Department queried Department of Defense Director for Nonproliferation Policy David Cooper on the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI), focusing on its intent and how states indicate their commitment. Dr. Cooper briefly reviewed PSI objectives, the Statement of Interdiction Principles (SOP), and the many ways other states have participated. Commenting on the sluggish nature of Kuwaiti bureaucracy, one MFA official said if Kuwait were to announce its support, it may be easier to do so at an international conference rather than in a cleared statement by a senior official. Legal Department Director Ghanim Al-Ghanim added that the GCC should study the PSI and adopt a common position. Cooper reaffirmed that the United States would welcome Kuwaiti endorsement of the PSI SOP and participation in PSI operational activities.

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